

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Blinkovsky *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/080,127

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For: Polypeptides Having Aminopeptidase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same



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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Weatherspoon, J.

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 30, 1999, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 46-89 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 90-129 as follows:

90. An isolated polypeptide having aminopeptidase activity selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which has at least 90% identity with the amino acid sequence of amino acids 16 to 496 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes under medium stringency conditions with (i) the nucleic acid sequence of nucleotides 46 to 1488 of SEQ ID NO:1, (ii) its complementary strand, or (iii) a subsequence of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes a polypeptide fragment which has aminopeptidase activity;

(c) an allelic variant of (a) or (b);